

Page 3, rewrite the paragraph beginning on line 25 as follows:

The present invention also refers to method for the detection of *B. cereus* in foods said method comprising using primers specific for phosphatidyl inositol gene in *B. cereus* in a mixed microflora, said primers comprising

PI - 1 (F) 5' AGTATGGGGAATGAG 3' (SEQ ID NO: 1)

PI - 2 (R) 5' ACAATTTTCCCACGA 3' (SEQ ID NO: 2)

Page 5, rewrite the paragraph beginning on line 2 as follows:

Oligonucleotide primers for phosphatidyl inositol gene of *B. cereus* were designated based on the gene sequence (M 30809) using the software programme Primer 3.0. This primer set amplifies a 342 base pair (bp) fragment of the gene, the sequence of which is given below. Sterilization of media and other solutions was achieved by autoclaving for 20 min at 121°C.

PI - 1 (F) 5' AGTATGGGGAATGAG 3' (SEQ ID NO: 1)

PI - 2 (R) 5' ACAATTTTCCCACGA 3' (SEQ ID NO: 2)

Page 6, rewrite the paragraph beginning on line 16 as follows:

Oligonucleotide primers for phosphatidyl inositol gene of *B. cereus* were designated based on the gene sequence (M 30809) using the software programme Primer 3.0. This primer set amplifies a 342 base pair (bp) fragment of the gene, the sequence of which is given below. Sterilization of media and other solutions was achieved by autoclaving for 20 min at 121°C.

PI - 1 (F) 5' AGTATGGGGAATGAG 3' (SEQ ID NO: 1)

PI - 2 (R) 5' ACAATTTTCCCACGA 3' (SEQ ID NO: 2)

Page 8, after line 13, insert the following Sequence Listing